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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET IS COMPLETE DEMOCRATIC CLIQUE NOMINATES SHORT BY NARROW MARGIN

State Convention at Wheeling Comes to an End Wednesday Evening After Entire State Ticket is Adopted. Amid Remarkable Scenes of Enthusiasm That Presage Party Victory at Fall Election

Table listing names and positions for the Republican State Ticket, including Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, etc.

328; Gorby, 224; Anderson, 45; Trotter, 103. Three Withdraw. Trotter immediately withdrew, then Brilles came out of the fray, and Prof. Anderson was the third to step out.

Special Dispatch to The Telegram.

Wheeling, July 14.—At 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Clark W. May was nominated for attorney general in the Republican state convention. His nomination came before the conclusion of the second ballot. There was a regular stampede for him.

The fight for the attorney generalship had grown rather interesting. The first ballot did not result in an election and a second was ordered. The first ballot developed some surprises, namely, the strength displayed by Clark May, for it was believed by many that Mr. Dice would be the stronger man.

Contrary to expectations, the name of R. L. Gregory, of Sistersville, did not appear before the convention, and this cut down the list of contestants to Romeo H. Freer, Charles F. Dice, Clark W. May and H. C. Richards, of Ohio county.

May Leads. May came out of the first ballot with flying colors, but not enough to nominate. He had 208 votes; Freer had 137, Dice 208 and Richards 162.

As 300 is required to nominate the ballot was void and the convention was ordered to prepare a new ballot.

Freer Withdrawn. Before the second ballot was begun Freer was pulled out of the running, his name being withdrawn by Judge Reece Bizzarr.

By this time there was the greatest excitement throughout the convention hall. The withdrawal of Mr. Freer's name was the signal for a renewal of efforts on the part of the friends of the other candidates to get some of his strength.

May Gets It. On the second ballot there was a strong disposition on the part of the Dice people to give their strength to May, who has been regarded as being friendly to the Dawson element.

The first noticeable change came when Harrison voted 26 solid for May, and the break came when Preston voted 25 solid for him, followed by 14 from Putnam and 9 from Raleigh.

At this point Dice's name was withdrawn and a stampede was started for May, resulting in his nomination, the ballot not being completed.

In the evening after supper the Republican state convention got down to work with a vim. T. C. Miller, the present superintendent of schools, was renominated, Brilles, Anderson and Trotter withdrawing after the first ballot. This left Miller and Gorby in the field. Miller won out by a vote of 399 1-6 to 395 5-6.

Charles W. Swisher, of Marion county, was nominated for secretary of state by acclamation, after all his opponents, L. M. Wade, George Evans and M. A. Kendall, had withdrawn. It was one of the surprises of the convention that both Miller and Swisher should be nominated.

Frank Cox, of Monongalia county, was nominated for the supreme court to take Judge Dent's place.

THE PLATFORM

Adopted by the Republican Party of West Virginia at the State Convention at Wheeling.

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Wheeling, W. Va., July 14.—The following is the platform adopted by the Republican state convention:

National Platform.

1. We heartily approve and endorse the platform adopted by the Republican party in its national convention recently held, and the candidates chosen by that convention.

National Administration.

2. We congratulate the people of the country upon the wise and successful administration of the affairs of our national government, both at home and abroad, by President Roosevelt and his able counselors and we pledge our united efforts to procure his re-election.

State Representatives.

3. We cordially endorse and approve the course of our senators and representatives in Congress. They have upheld the dignity of the state and cared for its interests with zeal, efficiency and ability.

Elkins Endorsed.

4. Our senior senator, Stephen B. Elkins, has taken part in all important legislation in Congress. He has been especially active in securing the improvement of our great rivers and furnishing new channels for cheap transportation of West Virginia products; he has the credit and honor of framing the bill to prevent railroads from giving rebates and making discriminations, which passed both houses of Congress almost unanimously and is heartily endorsed by the Interstate Commerce Commission and has proved the most effective anti-trust legislation ever enacted by Congress. The convention heartily endorses and commends his action in the Senate of the United States.

Endorsement of Scott.

5. We commend the zealous and effective service rendered by the Hon. N. B. Scott in the Senate of the United States on behalf of the State, its citizens and the whole nation. The distinguished place he occupies in the councils of the national force confirms our estimate of his ability, his energy, his force and his integrity as a party leader and statesman. We therefore cordially endorse him for re-election to a seat in the Senate of the United States.

State Administration.

6. We point with pride and pleasure to the present Republican state administration and heartily endorse and approve of same. The things it has done have been in the interest of the state and of the people. We approve their course and official conduct, acts and doings of Governor Albert B. White, who has not only made a faithful, impartial and able executive, but has given the state a pure, clean and efficient administration of its affairs, without a charge or even a hint from any source of job or scandal of any kind.

Faithful Administration.

7. It is gratifying to know that every department of the state government has been administered with the utmost fidelity, economy and efficient Republican administration.

Mine Inspection.

8. It is with pleasure that we commend the work of the mine inspectors.

on one candidate, and that was Nesbitt. O'Brien's speech was a very neat one for the Ohio county man. Preston county was next recognized and seconded the nomination of Frank Cox. At this stage of the game it began to look a little like Cox had it cinched. Ritchie county came in with another Cox second. Senator Ira E. Robinson, of Grant, got the floor and presented a warm second for Cox. All of Dayton's friends are for Cox—it was apparent at this stage of the proceedings. It was said that by the nomination of Cox they could heal second district soreness. A. R. Stollings, of Tucker county, also seconded Cox's nomination, and J. R. Trotter, of Upshur, did likewise. Roll call was then ordered. Cox was nominated.

The roll was called and Dr. Monroe was chosen. The choice of district electors heretofore made by district conventions was ratified by the convention.

New Rules Proposed. W. E. Glascock offered the following amendments to the rules for the government of the Republican party in the state:

"Rule 1. The supreme authority of the Republican party in West Virginia except in matters within the province of the Republican national convention, or Republican national committee, vests in the Republican voters of the state, and is to be declared by them in state nominating conventions, and when the convention is not in session through the Republican state central convention.

"Rule 2. The Republican state central committee is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the government of the party."

Objection was made to these rules and they were withdrawn by Mr. Glascock.

Hon. W. P. Hubbard, from the committee on resolutions, reported the platform which is printed below and which was adopted unanimously.

The last thing on the program was the passing of a resolution of thanks to the citizens of Wheeling for the entertainment received at her hands.

The convention adjourned at 11:20 after re-enacting the rules of the Republican party passed by the last convention.

Judge Saunders Nominated.

Immediately after the nomination of Mr. Cox for the supreme judgeship, the nomination for the other judgeship, to fill the place at the bench now occupied by Judge Warren Miller, was ordered. It was 9:30 before the ballot was taken. Judge Joseph Sanders, of Mercer county, was the favorite from the beginning of the nomination speeches until the vote was announced. The vote: Sanders 465, Roane 127, Miller 107, Jacobs, 95.

Immediately upon the announcement of the vote Judge T. P. Jacobs, of Wetzel county, the low man, withdrew from the race and Judge Sanders was declared the nominee. Sanders mounted the platform and made a stirring but brief address, which was responded to by a tremendous cheer.

State Committee.

Nominations for member at large of the state committee awarded to the colored race, C. W. Dillon nominated John Noel, of Fayette county.

George A. Laughlin nominated Taos, H. Norris, of Ohio.

R. R. Smith, of McDowell, seconded Noel.

J. McHenry Jones nominated S. W. Stokes, of Kanawha county.

A colored delegate from McDowell, in a most impassioned speech, seconded the nomination of Noel.

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There being no choice, a second roll call was ordered. Gordon and Norris being withdrawn.

Before half the counties had been called, J. McHenry Jones withdrew the name of Starks and moved that Noel be elected by acclamation, which was done with a shout.

Electors Chosen. For elector-at-large, two to be selected, Congressman Dayton nominated Jas. A. Lenhart, of Preston, and moved that he be elected by acclamation, which was done.

C. W. Dillon nominated Dr. J. E. Robins, of Fayette, and moved that he be chosen by acclamation.

Major C. D. Elliott nominated Dr. W. W. Monroe.

Delegate Herndon, of McDowell, seconded the nomination of Dr. Monroe and besought Mr. Dillon to withdraw the name of Dr. Robins, as Fayette had received the colored member of the state committee.

Sam Dixon, of Fayette, seconded the nomination of Dr. Robins. He said Noel should not be charged to Fayette, because he was chosen from the state at large.

Frank P. Moxie said Wood county had voted ten times with 32 votes and had never got a smell. He asked if for heaven's sake to choose Dr. Monroe as an elector.

James A. Oldfield nominated Dr. B. H. Anderson, of Tyler.

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The beginning of the end of the Democratic, or a reproduction on a very much smaller scale of the St. Louis convention, was marked by the opening of the Democratic county convention at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

The Charleston Opera House and Johnstown bands were hired to drum up a crowd and to allay the antipathy of one element toward another, and after repeated effort, "the hosts of the unterrified" gathered in front of the court house and talked politics during intermissions. It was noticed that prominent members of the Democratic clique were not to be found and several of its cohorts were running hither and thither, anxiously inquiring for them. It was a critical stage with them and the last opportunity for a star-chamber meeting before the convention should convene, and, following its custom, the clique did not fail to overlook the matter. That accounted for their absence from the open-air preliminaries.

Several of the delegations had been made up of about all the Democrats there were in the districts, for the purpose of inflating the attendance to the largest possible number, and from other districts came many Democrats to see the "fur fly." There were also Republicans curious to take in the "safe and sane" deliberations of the crowd that worshipped Bryan eight long years because they said he was right, but who recently repudiated him on the ground that he was wrong and had never been right; the "unterrified," indeed, but not the "unmovable, steadfast in faith."

County Chairman R. A. Garrett called the convention to order and named Ellis Lyon as temporary chairman and James W. Robinson temporary secretary.

No sooner had the chairman taken the chair than the quarrel began. John W. Davis moved that each district appoint one member on committees on resolutions, credentials and basis of representation, order of business and permanent organization, and committee to select delegates to the state convention.

Edward Southern objected to the last committee and said the district delegations ought to have the power to select these delegates. "We want clean politics," he said, "and every man to have his say. If you think we have not enough brain to do this, then turn us out of the convention," and he amended the motion so as to incorporate his idea on the subject. Davis could see no serious intention to deprive any one of proper say, nor to cast any dispersions on any one.

The vote showed the convention about equally divided on the subject and a division was called for, but later Southern withdrew the motion and Davis's motion carried.

The committees were then appointed as follows:

To Select State Delegates. Clay—E. J. Whiteman, Clark—J. W. Davis, Coal—M. J. Francis, Eagle—E. G. Garrett, Elk—J. M. Elk, Grant—Lloyd Stone, Sardis—J. S. Whiteman, Tennille—G. Payne, Union—Truman Payne.

Credentials. Clay—B. A. Roby, Clark—G. M. Maxwell, Coal—J. H. Davis, Eagle—E. M. Hess, Elk—John Patton, Grant—J. D. Bassett, Sardis—Moses Shaffer, Simpson—G. W. Rector, Tennille—J. M. Garrett, Union—C. B. Morrison.

Resolutions. Clay—B. A. Roby, Clark—G. M. Maxwell, Coal—J. H. Davis, Eagle—E. M. Hess, Elk—John Patton, Grant—J. D. Bassett, Sardis—Moses Shaffer, Simpson—G. W. Rector, Tennille—J. M. Garrett, Union—C. B. Morrison.

Order of Business. Clay—H. B. Shinn, Clark—Joseph Parrill, Coal—J. W. Johnston, Eagle—M. J. Andrews, Elk—S. R. Bartlett, Grant—Fred Smith, Sardis—G. Swiger, Tennille—Henry Rodabaugh, Union—T. M. Smith.

The convention convened promptly at 1:30 o'clock and the committee on order of business read the following report:

Temporary organization be made permanent, report of committees, nominations of two members of the legislature, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, county commissioner, assessor of lower dis-

trict and county surveyor. The report was adopted as read.

John Patton moved that 51 votes be necessary to a choice, except for assessors, and that 26 votes for the latter in the respective districts. Will Thompson seconded it and the motion was adopted.

On motion of James W. Robinson, Thomas Haymond and all Democratic newspaper men present were made assistant secretaries.

The Grant members of the committee on state delegates failed to meet the committee and the chairman of the convention had him meet the chairman of the delegate committee.

A resolution of condolence was adopted over the death of Nathan Coplin.

The resolutions committee reported that the policies of Jackson, Jefferson, Madison and Bryan ratify the St. Louis platform, pledge hearty support to nominees of that convention and hail with pleasure the nomination of Henry G. Davis for Vice President, condemn the methods in county affairs, condemn and denounce violations of law and system of graft, condemn administration, favor economical administration, reduction of taxes and a uniform tax system.

The report was adopted without debate.

The committee on credentials recommended that all districts, except Grant, Union and Tennille, be represented by the regular ten delegates, or their alternates, and that the three exceptions be represented by the delegates elected at their primaries.

The committee on state delegates reported the following delegates: Ira C. Post, John Patton, R. C. Helmick, A. C. Bailey, Ernest Randolph, M. E. Shaver, G. E. Kishbaugh, Lee Boggers, E. G. Garrett, Thomas L. Nutter, H. M. Martin, J. H. Hurry, John Dunkin, Fred Smith, Charles Post, James P. Allen, G. P. Leatherbury, J. W. Johnston, R. A. Garrett, J. J. Davis, J. T. Drury, C. F. Holden, J. S. Stone, E. G. Smith, F. A. Orr and Mortimer Orr, alternates: J. M. Keester, T. Radcliff, W. W. Wolf, N. D. Boring, M. H. Davis, S. Broadwater, S. R. Lanham, L. S. Whiteman, Ferd Rogers, Earl Garrett, C. P. Hood, Seymour James, Gordon Late, Richard Winters, S. G. Sheets, Orlando West, John A. Tierney, D. K. Reed, E. D. Lewis, M. F. Snider, A. H. Stemple, Will Thompson, W. J. Erlum, R. S. Douglass and William Gaston.

Thomas Haymond not being present Caywood Rittenhouse was elected assistant secretary, but he declined the honor. R. A. Garrett also declined and R. S. Douglas was then elected.

Ernest Randolph was named by John W. Davis for the legislature and J. W. Robinson named M. J. Francis. They were nominated by acclamation.

John W. Coffman at 1:45 named M. W. Smith for sheriff, calling attention to the race he made four years ago. He stated that it was the duty of the convention to nominate him. He claimed that Smith could carry 200 more votes than any other man they could nominate. Coffman believed in honesty, and said if the convention is honest it would nominate him. The only cheers were from spectators.

E. G. Smith, for Clay district, named Charles A. Short, of Shinnston. He gave an extended sketch of Short's life.

M. F. Snider placed Edgar E. Righter before the convention for sheriff. He said Righter was a farmer and that such was the sort mostly to be depended on.

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STATE E. L. CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Epworth League of West Virginia is still in session at Goff M. E. Church. It will come to an end with a closing consecration service conducted by Rev. S. K. Arbutnot at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Officers for the coming year will be elected at the business session to be held before the closing service. There are 242 delegates in attendance at the convention and it is the largest attended and most enthusiastic ever held.

A congregation unprecedented in numbers attended the Wednesday evening session. The magnitude of choir led by C. E. Lumber sang as only happy Epworth Leaguers can sing.

Rev. E. D. Holtz, of Wheeling, spoke for twenty-five minutes and was followed by Rev. Wirt King, of Williamson, Del., who for one hour and a half electrified his audience with one of the most masterly addresses ever heard in Charleston, his subject being "The Signs of the Times." Miss Minnie Stacy the evangelist, who was such an efficient help in last winter's revival meetings at Goff Church, was present and sang to the delight of all "Where Jesus Is, 'Tis Heaven."

The convention opened Thursday morning with another one of those helpful prayer services, attended by over two hundred and led by Rev. T. G. Monfith, of Grant.

Another devotional meeting was held at 8:30 o'clock led by Rev. E. J. Miller, of Parkersburg. Prof. E. I. Goodwin gave an excellent talk on mission study classes. Rev. Dr. Ferguson, from Cincinnati, agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and enthusiastically addressed the convention. Rev. D. H. London, of New Martinsville, gave an address on "West Virginia Cities and Towns and Their Redemption." Mrs. James A. Bryan, of Parkersburg, read a well prepared paper on "Ten Reasons Why Some Churches Succeed." This was followed by "Ten Reasons Why Some Churches Fail," by E. D. Louch, of Moundsville. S. A. Carney, of Littleton, read an able paper discussing the devo-

and that he would do his duty, if he were elected. The name of Righter was enthusiastically seconded by several county districts.

Ernest Randolph had malice toward none, but charity for all, and named Perry C. Williams for sheriff. He denied that he knew anything about a little Democratic court house ring, but did not convince any one that there was not. Then he got off on to court matters and addressed the convention as "gentlemen of the jury." He praised Mr. Williams in highest terms, "Williams," he said, "is the strongest Democratic candidate in Tennessee district." Williams received a good many cheers and Randolph a few.

Chairman Lyon called J. W. Coffman to the chair and addressed the convention on the question as to who is the strongest man, and made appeals that the convention consider well. "Most of the candidates are boys," said he, "and know nothing about campaigns. You take a great chance in turning down one you knew and could trust. Where were these men then; they were not candidates? Why? Because the question was not settled then, but now since Holden was elected, they were all out. He is the only man of them all who has any claim on the convention, and the convention better have care. If Smith will come out and spend his money for Democracy when other Democrats will not, why do you not owe him something?" Nominations closed at 2:30.

F. A. Orr appealed to the convention to have the convention stand up and declare themselves about supporting the nominee.

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